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HEALTH & INFORMATION

Helping The Very Ill To Be Comfortable At Home

(NAPSI)—Some 1.65 million Americans are currently in hospice care, and if you or someone you care about is ever among them, a recently developed medical device could be a big help.

The Problem

Many of the very ill or elderly have trouble taking their medication by mouth.

A Solution

For them, veteran hospice nurse Brad Macy, RN, BSN, developed a simple and innovative device to leverage the efficacy of the rectal route of administration.

This specialized catheter is designed to enable the comfortable and discreet administration of liquids and medications, while overcoming the many challenges associated with the use of suppositories.

Laura Brandt, RN, MSN, is a practicing hospice nurse who uses this approach. She said, "This intervention is very effective and convenient, particularly for patients who are at home during end of life. It enables the patient to be comfortable, and it brings families such relief to know that their loved one is not suffering."

How It Works

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- Administration of fluids and electrolytes
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Unlike intravenous lines, which usually need to be placed in an inpatient environment and require special formulation of sterile medications, this catheter can be placed by a nurse in the home. The device could help thousands of patients avoid unnecessary hospitalization and uncomfortable suppository insertion, and reduce



A veteran nurse developed a new way to deliver medications to patients who are unable to swallow.

complications related to IV and subcutaneous medication delivery.

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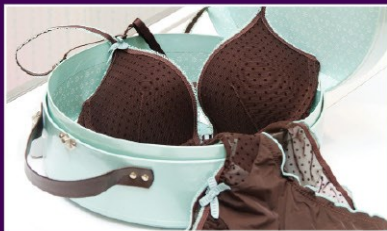
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Faces from the past



Booker T. Washington Visited Area on 1912 Southern Tour. Booker T. (Taliaferro) Washington (1856-1915) of Tuskegee Institute in Alabama addressed a large crowd of people at the Marion County Fair Grounds in Ocala, Florida, on Monday, March 4, 1912. Dr. Washington spoke on the relationships of the white and black races. The crowd was variously estimated at from six to eight thousand people, among them probably 1000 white citizens, according to news reports. (Courtesy Library of Congress Prints and Photographs Division.)

VFW Reminder

This is a reminder that the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Brady-Owens Post 7193 monthly regular meeting will be held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Mt. Moriah Church Annex, 55 SW 3rd Ave., Ocala. The auxiliary will meet at 5:30 p.m. All Veterans and those wishing to assist Veterans are welcomed to attend. For more information, call Commander James Curley at 817-1654 or visit www.vfw7193.org. ■

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Community Calendar

Cultural Diversity Council Meetings

The Cultural Diversity Council meets at 4:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. For further information please call Rose Cohen at 671-7711.

Caribbean-American Alliance of Florida Meetings

The Caribbean-American Alliance of Florida (CAAFL) meets at 1 p.m. every 3rd Saturday of each month at Silver Springs. For more information, please call (352) 502-4723. Ualthan Bigby, President.

Fessenden School Alumni Meetings

Fessenden School Alumni Inc. meets at 3:30 p.m. every 4th Monday of the month (except May we meet the 3rd Monday) at the Howard Academy Community Center, 306 NW Seventh Avenue, Ocala. Call Whitfield Jenkins at (352) 875-5071.

African American Multicultural Association Meetings

African American Multicultural Association meets second Saturday of each month at 3:00 p.m. at the Silver Spring Shores Community Center, 590 Silver Road, Ocala. Call (352) 687-1274.

Racial Harmony Task Force Meetings

Racial Harmony Task Force meets at 10 a.m. every 3rd Wednesday of each month. The meeting will be held at Ocala Police Department Community Room. For more information or to attend the task force meeting, contact Stan Creel at 629-8444.

FAMU Alumni Meetings

The Marion County FAMU Alumni Association meeting is every 1st Tuesday at Howard Academy Community Center, at 5:30 p.m. For more information, contact President Ann McKinney at 307-6905 or by e-mail at akm1253@embarqmail.com.

Concerned Citizens for Chatmire Meetings

Concerned Citizens for Chatmire meets at 7:00 p.m. every 1st Monday of each month at Chatmire Community Center, 19789 SW 107th Place, Dunnellon. Membership is open to everyone. Dues are \$10. For more information, call Cathy Redd at 489-2677.

Young Ladies of Poise (YLOP) Meetings

Young Ladies of Poise (YLOP) meets second and fourth Saturdays of each month at 11 a.m. at Howard Academy Community Center, 306 NW Seventh Avenue, Ocala. For more information, call TiAnna Greene at 286-5054 or by e-mail at YLOPoise@gmail.com.

VFW Brady-Owens Post 7193

Veterans of Foreign Wars Brady-Owens Post 7193 will meet at the Mt. Moriah Church Annex, 55 SW 3rd Ave, Ocala on the second Thursday each month at 7 p.m. All veterans are invited to attend.

Note from the Editor



ALONZO HARDY
Editor and manager

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Please consider subscribing to Unite. We publish twelve issues annually. Subscription cost is \$15 per year.

I hope you enjoy this month's edition.

-- The Editor

Expungement clinic to be offered

The Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida is hosting its second Juvenile Expungement Clinic in Marion Co. Why is this so important? Expungement of a delinquency record can help open up employment and educational opportunities for youth.

Youth do NOT need to live in Marion county to participate in the clinic. **Two qualifications:** (1) youth must have successfully completed a Department of Juvenile Justice JDAP program, civil citation program, or diversion program. (2) youth must have successfully completed that program within the last year.

When: Tuesday, January 20th (this clinic will be offered in Marion Co. on the 3rd Tuesday of every other month)

Where: Ocala Police Department, Community Room, 402 S. Pine Avenue, Ocala, FL

Time: 5 pm to 7 pm

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"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Aug. 28, 1963

Front Cover Photo

Community members take part in last year's Martin Luther King Jr. Day march for unity in Ocala. This year's march begins at 9 a.m. Monday and will start from the Downtown Square.

By Cynthia A. Wilson-Graham

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Martin Luther King Day events in Ocala

OCALA -- Ocala's annual Martin Luther King, Jr. March, is scheduled for Monday, January 19, 2015. The march kicks off at the Downtown Square at 9:00 a.m. and will end at Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Recreation Complex.



(Photo/Cynthia Wilson Graham) Several groups, churches, organizations and bands participate in the annual the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. March conducted in downtown Ocala each year. Pictured are members of the Free Will Spirit Church of God In Christ participating in last year's march.

OCALA, Fla. - Marchers will gather in downtown Ocala Monday, January 19, 2015, to once again stride down West Silver Springs Boulevard in celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The March, organized by the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Commission Committee, has been an annual event in Ocala since 1984. This year, it is one of several events in the Marion County and surrounding areas honoring the civil rights leader. The March

Complex at State Road 40 and Martin Luther King Jr Avenue, where there will be speeches, entertainment, food, music and children's events.

If you are interested in being a vendor for the day in the park you can contact James Thorpe at (352) 629-2948 or Narvella Haynes at (352) 598-0205. All are welcome to participate. ■

The following is a list of events taking place this year:

MLK Youth Day

Saturday, January 10, 2015
1:30-3:30 p.m.
Howard Academy
306 NW 7th Ave
Contact: Narvella Haynes
(352) 598-0205

Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, January 17, 2015
9:00 a.m.
E. D. Croskey Center
1510 NW 4th St
Contact: Dwanette Dilworth
(352) 207-6036
Loretta Pompey-Jenkins
(352) 351-0824
Tickets \$10

Wreath Ceremony

Saturday, January 17, 2015
12:00-1:00 p.m.
Martin Luther King Jr. Park
500 SW MLK Jr Ave
Contact: Cassandra Boston
(352) 209-2973

Ecumenical Services

Sunday, January 18, 2015
7:00 p.m.
Mt. Moriah MBC
55 SW 3rd Ave
Contact: Shirley J. Wright
(352) 732-0097

The March

Monday, January 19, 2015
8:00 a.m.- Line Up (Downtown)
9:00 a.m.- The March Begins
Downtown on the square to the MLK Jr Complex
Contact: Ire Bethea
(352) 208-0819

Day In The Park

Monday, January 19, 2015
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
MLK Jr Complex (Corner of West Highway 40)
Contact: Derek Ponder
(352) 875-4118

If you are interested in performing on this program please call (352) 875-4118. ■

Stories From Our Past

Buildings & Businesses



Davis Block
SW Corner of Fort King
and Magnolia Streets
Built 1891

LEFT: 2 SW Fort King St.: Currently home to Brothers Keeper (formerly Davis Block). The Davis building was constructed in 1891. The exterior has been beautifully restored. It was renamed the Davis & Goldman Block. Contributing Building - Ocala Historic Commercial District - National Register of Historic Places NRIS #99000656 (Privately owned)

The first occupant was Ocala Commercial and Bazar Company who sold dry and fancy goods. The Bazar Store was run by **Frank P. Gadson**. Operated from 1891 to 1899. This building has been home to many enterprises, including a funeral home.

St. George Block
SE Corner of Magnolia
and Second Streets
Built 1914

RIGHT: 116-126 S. Magnolia Ave.: Currently home to Executive Building (formerly St. George Hotel). This hotel opened in 1914 as a luxury hotel for African Americans. Originally housed 5 store-fronts on street level and 21 rooms above. (Privately owned)

Various hotels such as the Sperring Hotel, the Terrace Hotel and the Francis Marion House were later tenants. Several shops had been tenants since then.

The hotel was built entirely by black contractors, laborers, and craftsmen and financed by black community members.

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of Alonzo Hardy
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“Sneakers and S’mores” Offers Sweet Opportunity to Help Students

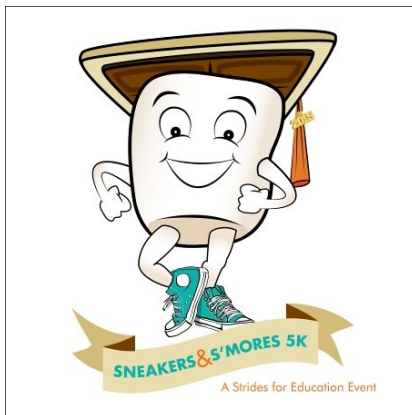
MARION COUNTY - The second annual Sneakers and S’mores 5K Run/Walk benefitting the Take Stock in Children program is set for Saturday, January 24, at the Country Club of Ocala.

Sneakers and S’mores offers family-friendly activities with a hot chocolate and s’mores station, crafts, and Kids Dash for students up to nine years old.

Serious runners will appreciate the chip-timing and medals to be awarded for first, second and third place in each age division. Participants may register online at www.classy.org/sneakersandsmores. The 5K entry fee is \$25 for pre-registration and \$35 day of the event. The Kids Dash entry fee is \$15 for pre-registration and \$20 day of the event. Both registration fees include a long sleeved, dry-fit blend t-shirt and goodie bag (guaranteed if received by January 16).

Runner check-in begins at 7AM with the actual run starting at 8PAM. The Kids Dash takes place immediately following the run.

All proceeds help provide college scholarships for low-income students through Take Stock in Children. A program of the Public Education Foundation of Marion County, Take Stock offers students college scholarships, caring volunteer mentors and hope for a better life.



For more information, contact Meghan Megamoll at the Public Education Foundation of Marion County at 671-4167 or Meghan.Megamoll@marion.k12.fl.us.

Best-selling Author John Crossan to Speak at CF

OCALA, Fla. - The College of Central Florida and Fort King Presbyterian Church will host a series of lectures with John Dominic Crossan Jan. 30-Feb.1. Crossan, who holds a Doctorate of Divinity, is the author of 27 books, five of which have been national religious bestsellers.

The lecture kick off Friday Jan. 30, at 7 p.m. in the Ewers Century Center at the CF Ocala Campus, 3001 S.W. College Road. Crossan will lecture on “Original Sin: Escalatory Violence & Covenantal Sanction” based on his book “How to Read the Bible and

Still Be a Christian: Struggling with Divine Violence from Genesis through Revelation.” A book signing will follow.

Saturday, Jan. 31, from 9-10:30 a.m. at the Ewers Center he will deliver a lecture titled “God’s Kingdom: Violent Revolt or Non-Violent Resistance” and another from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. titled “Christianity’s Criterion: Historical Jesus or Biblical Christ?” at 7 p.m. he will speak at Fort King Presbyterian Church, 13 N.E. 36th Ave., about “The Execution of Jesus in Mark,” with a book signing following. He will finish the lecture Sunday, Feb. 1, at 9 a.m. and preach a sermon at the church at the church’s 10:30 a.m. service.

Crossan was born in Nenagh County, Tipperary, Ireland, in 1934. He was educated in Ireland and the United States, received a Doctorate of Divinity from Maynooth College in Ireland in 1959, He began teaching at Chicago’s DePaul University in 1969 and remained there until 1995; he is now a Professor Emeritus of religious Studies.

To learn about other CF events, visit www.CF.edu.

The Bible tells us that truthfulness is next to godliness; then lying must be next to devilishness itself. On which side do you stand? Think well before you answer.

“Love thy neighbor,” says the Bible. We do love our neighbor until we get all that they have, and then hate them because they have no more for us to get.

Pay as you go, says the writer; but many go before they pay, and go that way until death.

Black Entrepreneurship

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In addition to Frank P. Gadson (1861-1941), the merchant-banker, Ocala had several notable individuals involved in early 20th Century commerce. Primary among them were George Giles (1863-1919) and his wife, Ruth Margaret (Mouzon) Giles (1874-1946).

George Giles

George Giles (1863-1919) was born January 29, 1863 in St. George, Bermuda, a son of Joseph D. Giles and Mary Frances Hayward. He secured only a common-school education. He came to America in 1883. In 1894 he married Ruth Margaret Mouzon (1874-1946) and in 1895 they moved to Marion County. Census records, however, give other dates. She died in 1946. Mrs. Ruth Mouzon Giles was born in South Carolina to James Gamble Mouzon and Mary J. Mouzon. George and Ruth had the following children, all of whom were probably born in Marion County, Florida: Jose Porozo (1895-1944+); Leafy Frances (1897-1966) and George Phillip (1903-1963). The Giles were members of St. James Protestant Episcopal Church.

Mr. Giles was one of the organizers of the Metropolitan Savings Bank of Ocala, in 1913, and had been its president from the time of its incorporation until his death in October 1919. He was president of the Metropolitan Realty & Investment Company and also the George Giles & Company (cotton buyers), and was president and general manager of the R. M. Giles & Company (general store). He helped organize the Ocala Knitting Mill & Manufacturing Company, of which he was



Some of the Founders of Metropolitan Savings Bank of Ocala. 1913. From left to right: Dr. R. Reche Williams, Frank P. Gadson, George Giles, Joseph L. Wiley, Arthur St. George Richardson and David Walter Goodwin. (Florida State Archives.)

president. Mr. Giles was chairman of the Espanola Cigar Manufacturing Company. At one time, he owned, in addition to his gin shop, a large wood yard for fireplace and wood stoves, and a corn mill, a machine that shells and grinds corn into meal. Many people would come from miles around to have these services done.

He was a stockholder, director and president of no less than six important moneyed institutions of the town, and served, so far as can be learned, to the acceptance of the parties interested.

Mr. Giles was active in the affairs of his town, county and State during his entire life. His outstanding characteristic was the courage to do exactly what he thought was right, regardless of public opinion. He was never afraid to do what he thought was his duty. He was

full of lofty ideas and Christian impulses, and was a man without guile but stern heart and was as nearly a perfect Christian as any man. Mr. Giles died October 16, 1919. His remains lie buried in Evergreen Cemetery. ■

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9th Annual Magnet EXPO Attracts Attention

MARION COUNTY—What is a magnet school? What's a magnet program? Can your child attend one in Marion County? What are the qualifications? Why do they even exist?

If you've ever wondered about or considered such a program or school for your child, come learn what's so attractive about these highly-competitive programs at a special Magnet Expo set for Thursday, January 15, from 5PM-7PM. The event takes place at Marion Technical Institute (MTI) located at 1614 SE Ft. King St. in Ocala. See exhibits from Dr. N. H. Jones Elementary and Madison Street Academy, Oakcrest Elementary's International Baccalaureate (IB) Program, Reddick-Collier Elementary's Cambridge Checkpoint Program, Howard Middle's AAIT (Advanced Academics Integrated Technologies) and IB Programs, North Marion Middle's Cambridge Checkpoint Program, Belleview and North Marion High's AICE (Advanced International Certificate of Education) Program, Forest High's EMIT (Engineering, Manufacturing Institute of Technology) Program, Lake Weir and Vanguard High Schools' IB Programs, Dunnellon High's Power Generation Academy, and West Port High's MCCA (Marion County Center for the Arts) and Early College Programs. These are all magnet schools or programs in Marion County. MTI will also display its by-application only programs to potential students and parents.

No advance registration is required, and anyone from the public is invited to attend.

For more information, call Expo Coordinator Kathy Quelland at 352.867.2181. ■

African American Hall of Fame will induct 9

Several local residents will be among nine people inducted into the African American History Museum Hall of Fame at the annual Induction Ceremony.

The induction will be February 27 at the Howard Academy Community Center cafetorium, 306 NW 7th Ave, Ocala. This year's theme is "Unsung Heroes." A blue and gold color scheme is planned for the occasion.

The African American History Museum Hall of Fame recognizes individuals nominated for contributions that make a difference in their community.

This year, honorees are:

- **Mark Hart III**, president of Mega Sound / Glass Master, Inc.;

- **Ire Bethea**, Recreation Division Head at Ocala Recreation and Parks;

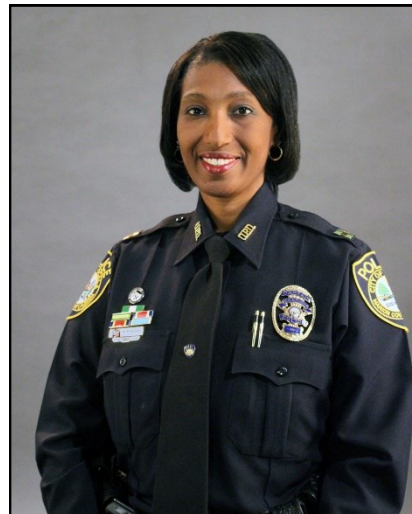
- **Tara V. Woods**, a Captain at Ocala Police Department; first black female assigned to Investigative Services Bureau, first female sergeant supervisor, first black women lieutenant;

- **Sam Stevenson**, a retired Corporal at Ocala Police Department; first Howard player to be named on an Florida Sports Writers Assn. All-State team;

- **Melvin James**, the first licensed horse trainer in Marion County; broke and trained Triple Crown winner Affirmed;

- **Virginia Ferguson**, first female boat captain at Silver Springs;

Honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award will be Former Howard High coach and



Tara V. Woods

athletic director **Ernest Kaye (E. K.) Johnson Jr.**, **Moses Menchan** and **Lucious Cannell (L. C.) Stevenson**, both of whom were members of the Central Florida "Hunting & Fishing Club, Inc. of Ocala;

Entertainment will be provided by the Jade Hagans' Tutoring and GAP Productions.

The event begins at 6:15 p.m., with a social hour, followed by assorted Hors d'oeuvres. 6:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. program. Cost is \$25 in advance or at the door. For tickets, call 598-0205. Please spread the word! ■

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The Hunting and Fishing Club provided protection for the NAACP and other groups during the civil rights movement of the 1960s in Ocala, Florida.)

"Love thy neighbor," says the Bible. We do love our neighbor until we get all that they have, and then hate them because they have no more for us to get.

LOCAL

Kick Off 2015 at the Appleton Museum of Art

OCALA, Fla. — The Appleton Museum of Art, College of Central Florida, will offer an array of activities for all ages this January.

The month begins with the First Saturday event "No Drawing Allowed!" Jan. 3 from 1-3 p.m. Adults and children ages 4 and up are invited to challenge themselves in making artwork using only stamps. The event is free for members and children and is included with the cost of adult admission.

The Educational Art Film Series shows films on Sundays at 2 p.m. The Jan. 4 film is "Louvre: The Visit." The film series is free for museum members and is included in the cost of admission for nonmembers.

Ocala Symphony Orchestra Sound Art Series presents "The Evolution of the Sonata" at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11. Following the performance, the history of the violin sonata will be discussed. Tickets are available at the Appleton or OcalaSymphony.com.

Join the Trips 'N' Tours group Thursday, Jan. 15, as members venture to the Dali Museum in St. Petersburg to see works from Salvador Dali and Pablo Picasso. Call 352-291-4455 to reserve your seat; tickets are \$85 for members and \$95 for nonmembers, and lunch is included.

Also on Thursday, Jan. 15, the museum will host a themed tour, "Appleton Art for Arbor Day," from 2-3 p.m. Docents will be stationed in galleries to discuss the importance and symbolism of nature in



the Appleton's permanent collection. Entry is free for members and included in the cost of admission for nonmembers. RSVP to Lara Sundberg at sundberl@cf.edu or 352-291-4455, ext. 1836.

Thursday, Jan. 23, from 6-7 p.m., the Appleton will host an exhibition lecture with Rene Morales, curator of the Perez Art Museum in Miami. Morales will discuss the typographical arrangement of words in conjunction with the Jan. 24 opening of the exhibition "Lesley Dill: Faith and the Devil." "Faith and the Devil" is a large-scale installation that investigates the philosophical conundrums of evil and underlying faith in the world using typography. The lecture is free and will be followed by an opening reception in the museum's lobby from 7-8 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 29, at 6 p.m., artist

Lesley Dill joins CF Professor Dr. Scott Olsen to discuss faith and beliefs. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Owned and operated by College of Central Florida, the Appleton Museum of Art is located at 4333 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala, east of downtown on SR40 (exit 352 east off I-75 or exit 268 west off I-95). Free parking is available. For more information call the Appleton Museum of Art at 352-291-4455 or visit AppletonMuseum.org. ■

NAACP branch to hold Freedom Fund

OCALA, Fla. -- The Marion County branch of the NAACP recognizes and celebrates efforts in achieving equality for all people at the Annual Freedom Fund and Awards Banquet.

The Annual Freedom Fund and Awards Banquet will happen at 6 p.m. on Feb. 28, 2015 at the Holiday Inn Suites 3600 SW 38th Ave, Ocala. Banquet speaker will be Adora Obi Nweze, President of the Florida State Conference NAACP.

Donations are \$50. Funds raised through this event support the work of the Marion County Branch NAACP.

For more information or for tickets to the banquet, please contact Rev. Reginald Willis, Sr., reggiesr0258@yahoo.com or Mrs. Margaret Holloman-Chappelle, mchapp0628@aol.com. ■

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County invites local youth to discover water resources

MARION COUNTY, Fla. – Ninety-two miles of rivers. Thirty-two thousand acres of lakes. More than 40 springs. Opportunities to enjoy Marion's water resources are almost unlimited, and a Marion County department wants to bring local youth closer to them this month.

The Marion County Office of the County Engineer invites students ages 18 and under to participate in its "Discover our water resources" art and photography contest. Through Feb. 20, students attending a public, private or home school in Marion County may submit creative entries depicting any of the following themes: Marion County water bodies, wildlife, karst or limestone features, water uses and recreation in water.

Art entries must be original illustrations created in print or digital formats. Print entries must not exceed 8 1/2 by 11 inches in size. Photography entries must be original and unedited, and must be submitted in digital versions of at least 300 dpi (dots per inch) in size.

A selection committee will recognize the top art and photography entries through publication of the winning creations in the Office of the County Engineer's 2015 "Discover our water resources" stormwater education booklet. The publication will be distributed to local schools and county residents to encourage learning about water quality and stormwater pollution prevention.

The contest application and guidelines are available at www.marioncountyfl.org/stormwater. Entries are due Feb. 20, 2015, and may be emailed to stormwater@marioncountyfl.org or delivered to Jacob Arnette at the Office of the County Engineer (412 SE 25th Ave., Ocala, FL 34471). Winners will be announced by March. For more information, call 352-671-8686. ■

Words of Wisdom

When you see Gods hands in everything, it is easy to leave everything in Gods hands.

Marion County Celebrates Black History Month

Buildings & Businesses

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Ocala Knitting Mill SE Corner of Main and Third Streets Built 1915

RIGHT: 305 SE 1st Ave.: Currently home to Moorhead Engineering (formerly Ocala Knitting Mill). Re-organized in 1921 as Florida Knitting Mills. (Privately owned)

The mill was built in 1915 by **George Giles** as a knitting mill for underwear. The mill, which was once a major local employer, ceased at this site in 1925.



photo courtesy of Alonzo Hardy

Marion County Celebrates Black History Month



**Submitted by
Kent Sperring**

Site of Former Metropolitan Building SE Corner of Magnolia and Second Streets Built 1913

LEFT: 301 S Magnolia St.: Former Metropolitan Building was constructed in 1912-13. Home of the Metropolitan Bank from 1913 to 1928. The building later was headquarters for the Eagle Furniture Company. The building was finally torn down in 1995 and the land made into a parking lot. (Privately owned)

The Metropolitan Savings Bank was chartered on July 25, 1913. The bank incorporated with \$25,000.00 capital stock and surpluses. **George Giles** served as president. Other officers included **Jos. L. Wiley** as vice-president and **Frank P. Gadson**, cashier. The Bank shut its doors on December 1, 1928.

Marion County's black history

■ Politics and government

Thomas W. Long became the first state senator for Marion in 1873. He was a leading proponent for establishing of a public school system.

John Simpson became the first state representative for Marion County in 1868.

Samuel Small became the first voter registrar of Marion County in 1868.

Frank Ward became the first justice of peace in 1871.

Reuben S. Mitchell became the first city clerk, tax assessor, tax collector in 1877

Frank P. Gadson became the first city treasurer in 1884.

Richard Dinkins became the first elected to city council in 1869. At that time, they were called Aldermen.

Primus Gowens and Samuel Small became the first county commissioners in 1868.

M. A. Clouts became the first county sheriff in 1868.

Horace Monroe became the first deputy sheriff in 1958.

James C. Cunningham became the first president of city council in 1985.

Mary Sue Reaves Rich became the first woman elected to city council in 1995.

Burrell Dawkins became the first town marshal in 1873.

Frank James Williams became the first police officer in 1947.

Samuel Williams became the first chief of police in 2003.

Alice Baker Faison became the first police woman.

John Bostic became the first elected to city council in Dunnellon.

John Bostic became the first mayor of Dunnellon.

Sandra Edwards-Stephens became the first elected county judge in 1990.

Cedric Lee Donar became the first sergeant for the police department.

Sandra Edwards-Stephens became the first elected county judge in 1990.

Sandra Edwards-Stephens became the first ever appointed to the State of Florida's Fifth Judicial Circuit Bench in 2000.

Fred Cyprian became the first captain with the sheriff's office in 1999.

John Bostic became the first police officer for Dunnellon police department.

Rodney Smith became the first lieutenant for the police department in 1997 and first captain in 1999. Smith later on became the first major in 2002 and deputy police chief in 2008 for the department.

Tara V. Woods became the first female assigned to investigative services bureau and first female sergeant supervisor for the police department. Woods later on became the first female lieutenant and captain for the department.

Wendall Rora became the first battalion chief for Ocala fire-rescue department.

Clifford Grier became the first captain for the county fire-rescue department.

Edgar David Samuel became the first captain for Ocala fire-rescue.

■ Education

Isaac Black became the first superintendent of Marion County in 1868.

W. J. Simmons became the first principal of Howard Academy in 1874.

William H. Jackson became the first president of Howard Junior College (later Hampton) in 1958.

Wesley Asbury Wilkerson became the first supervisor of black schools of Marion County in 1886.

Minnie W. Greene became the first female county supervisor of black schools of Marion County in 1953.

Alberta Brown and Zenobia Smith became the first teachers to integrate Marion school system in September 1969.

Fred Smiley became the first assistant superintendent of curriculum of Marion County in 1992 and the first deputy superintendent of Marion County Public Schools.

Stanley Jacobs became the first assistant superintendent of human resources for Marion County Public Schools.

Mercie Dee Hagins became the first teacher of the year for Marion County Schools in 2000.

Diana Stafford Greene became the first woman to be appointed deputy superintendent of curriculum and instruction of Marion County Public Schools.

Bobby James became the first appointed to Marion County School Board in 2007 and first to win a countywide election in 2008 and first to become School Board chairman.

Angie Boynton became the first female elected to the School Board in 2013 and first female School Board chairwomen.

■ Medicine and health

Dr. T. P. Lloyd became the first known doctor in Ocala in 1891 and became the first pharmacist. Mrs. W. F. L. Dukes became the first woman licensed to practice pharmacy in Ocala and the state in 1904.

Dr. E. Carrie Mitchell became the first woman doctor in Ocala and the state in 1908.

Dr. Lee Royal Hampton became the first dentist in 1912.

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LOCAL

Marion County Recognized As “Healthy Weight Community Champion” By Florida Department of Health

MARION COUNTY, Fla. — Recently, the Florida Department of Health named Marion County a “Healthy Weight Community Champion” for the second consecutive year. Through the program, FDOH recognizes best practices by local governments that have implemented policies and programs aimed at increasing physical activity and improving nutrition. This year, Marion was recognized for its Parks and Recreation department and facilities, as well as for the Marion County Board of County Commissioners’ “Health Happens” wellness program, specifically the McPherson walking trail and outdoor fitness area.

The Walking Trail is a 1.25-mile loop around the perimeter of the McPherson Governmental Complex and incorporates existing sidewalks along Southeast 25th Avenue and East Fort King Street. The Outdoor Fitness Area is also located in the complex and includes 12 exercise stations on stabilized surfacing for exercising at various levels of intensity. Both were completed in June 2014 and were jointly funded by the MCBCC, Florida Blue and the Park Partnership Grant Program.

If becoming more active or eating healthier are part of your New Year’s plans, Marion County invites you to visit the walking trail and fitness area, as well take advantage of the following opportunities:

Visit the Marion County “Health Happens” Farmers Market. Held every Friday from 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. in McPherson Field (601 SE 25th Ave., Ocala), the market offers fruit, vegetables, local honey, fresh seafood, organic baked goods and more from a variety of variety of vendors. The market is funded through Florida Blue. Call 352-438-2360 for more information.

Escape, experience and explore at a Marion County **park**, and you won’t even realize you’re exercising. Parks and Recreation offers nearly 25 miles of paved and unpaved trails for walking, hiking, biking and rollerblading on your own or through

guided hiking programs including kayaking, canoeing, paddle boarding, archery, basketball, softball, tennis and more are offered throughout the year.

Visit www.MarionCountyFL.org/Parks for details.

Adopt a dog. Dogs make great walking and jogging companions, and Marion County Animal Services has dozens of shelter dogs of all kinds hoping for homes. The adoption fee is only \$50 and includes the spay/neuter surgery, county license, rabies vaccine, microchip and a lifetime of friendship. Visit www.MarionCountyFL.org/Animal for more information. ■

CF Recognizes High Achieving Student-Athletes

OCALA, Fla. — The College of Central Florida recognized academic excellence of its Patriot student-athletes — including 10 students who achieved a perfect Grade Point Average for fall semester. The students were recognized at a CF basketball game Jan. 7.

Student-athletes achieving a 4.0 GPA were Quira Demery (women’s basketball), Iseoluwapo Jegede (men’s basketball), Jordan Lane (softball), David Lebron (baseball), Morgan Matthews (softball), Thais Oliveira (women’s basketball), Eddy Polanco (men’s basketball), Miguel

Cartagena Reyes (men’s basketball), Marcella Rocha (women’s basketball) and Garrett Wright (baseball).

Ten students with perfect GPAs is the highest number for the CF athletic program in recent memory and is seven more than last year’s fall semester. In all, the CF athletic program achieved a combined 3.11 grade point average.

CF’s baseball team had the highest GPA at 3.19, followed by softball with an overall team GPA of 3.15. To learn more about Patriot Athletics, visit CFPatriots.net. To learn more about CF, visit CF.edu. ■

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Growing Up In Zuber

By Dr. Gilbert Lancelot Raiford

From Zuber to Europe

One has to know when it is time to move on. There were so many places I wanted to see and so many things I wanted to do. Experiencing life outside of this country was one of them. A young African American engineer from New Rochelle and who had been a guest in our flat, took it upon himself to give me a grand bon voyage party at a ballroom rental on West 14th Street. As for me, I had the urge to travel but not the funds to match that urge. Another young African American, one with whom I had worked in the summer camp in New Hampshire, had just received his scholarship money to attend the Yale University Law School. He gave me a \$1,000 of that money. However, I would need more. Remember, I was emerging from the life of a Bohemian, a life that did not include working. Remember dear ole Aunt Sadie? Well, I decided to try my luck with her and Uncle Julius. We had a weekend marathon poker game that was only interrupted when Aunt Sadie had to rush to an early morning church service. (I stayed put but prayed hard anyway!) By 4 p.m. on that Sunday, I had won \$4,000 – all the cash they had on hand and then I had the nerve to ask Aunt Sadie to drive me to the airport. I explained to her that I was going to Europe and she exclaimed: “With my money!” I respectfully said: “No, dearie, with my money. It used to be your money”, She laughed and drove me to the airport.

Weeks before, I had reserved a bed and breakfast in London. I arrived late in the evening and was greeted by a West Indian maid who informed me that “madam has retired” and being from Zuber I just automatically thought she was telling me the lady no longer worked and I wondered why she thought that had anything to do with me. Anyway, she told me that I was to follow her into madam’s “chamber” (In Zuber that translates to mean courtroom but I kept quiet and did not display my ignorance!). However, when I entered the bedroom and saw madam decked out in a white flannel night gown and a hat to match, I could only think of Charles Dickens and before I could catch myself, I said: “Good evening Miss Havisham!” Anyway, London was not foreign enough for me. Therefore, I cut short my visit there and took the Orient Express to Paris, arriving at midnight. This would be my first opportunity to use my Fessenden acquired French. I had never spoken the language with a native speaker and wasn’t sure that I could. However, I was daring. I found a coin telephone and, using my traveling bible, Europe on 5 Dollar as Day, I selected an affordable pension and called to see if there was a vacancy. There was and I reserved it. I was told to take a taxi but I was not me-by money that way. I asked for and received directions via the metro. For some unknown reason, I was reluctant to embrace Paris. For three days, I stayed in my room or close by.

On the fourth morning, I took the metro and ascended smack in the middle of the Latin Quarter. I was HOME. It is easy to fall in love with Paris at first glance. I spotted a group of Africans and Caribbean fellows right off. They were sitting at an outdoor café on Blvd. St. Michel and waved me over. It was the first of the many hours we would spend together solving the problems of the world and when I told them that I knew Coltrane and Miles personally, I became pivotal – and with that position came lots of hospitality. I immediately moved out of the pension and into the dormitory at the Sorbonne – which was cheaper, cleaner, and within walking distance of my Greenwich Village substitute. Naturally, I had to enroll as a student.

The Latin Quarter is not the world, meaning that I had to move on. I just had to see a bull fight. So, next stop Barcelona. I could hardly wait to see the bull fight but I was not entertained. It was not a fair fight and no matter what, the bull had to die. While everyone around me was shouting “Ole, Ole!” I was crying and vowed never to see another bull fight – not even in movies. Of course, that did not stop me from going on to Pamplona to participate in the running of the bulls but I made sure that I was way in front of the crowd and the bulls would have to

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Here's What's Happening

Saturday, Jan. 17

R.A.M.A.L. REACH AIM MOTIVATE AND LEAD EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES, INC. "ENRICHING YOUR PROFESSIONAL & PERSONAL GOALS: Saturday, Jan. 17, 2015, 9:00am - 1:00pm Holiday Inn & Suites, Ocala Conference Center, 3600 SW 38th Avenue, Ocala, FL 34474. A Breakfast & learning Event! Sponsorship Opportunities! Purchase your ticket at www.ramalservices.org. \$25 per person - Benefit for R.A.M.A.L. For more information, call 352-875-4237 or 352-873-1319.

Friday, Jan. 23

SAVE THE DATE: JANUARY 23-25, 2015: The Public Education Foundation and The Rotary Club of Metro Ocala present the **CLASIC 2015** to benefit Take Stock in Children "**Moot**" **Thomas Scramble** Friday, January 23rd. **Sneakers & S'mores 5K Run/Walk A Strides for Education** event Saturday, January 24th. **The MEMORIAL Golf Tournament** Saturday & Sunday, January 24th & 25th. Hosted by the Country Club of Ocala. Registration available at www.pefmc.org. For more information call us at (352) 671-4167.

Saturday, Mar. 7

CF FOUNDATION TASTE OF OCALA 2015: The College of Central Florida Foundation will host the 27th annual Taste of Ocala on Saturday, March 7. For more information on the event, as it develops, visit www.TasteofOcala.org. For information or sponsorship opportunities call the CF Foundation at 352-873-5808.

Sunday, May 3

ANNUAL "PROUD TO BE A DEMOCRAT" FUNDRAISER DINNER: Sunday, May 3, 2015 Ocala, Hilton Hotel Ocala, FL 4 p.m. - 5p.m. Cocktails and Silent Auction 5:00 - 8:00 Dinner Speaker TBA Tickets \$50.00 per person. This is our major fundraising event of the year and we need our constituents to be supportive of our efforts to maintain our headquarters, lend support to candidates, and get out the vote on all elections. All work for the Marion County Democratic Party is done by volunteers and they work year round on voter registration and community affairs. For more information, call the Marion County Democratic Headquarters at (352) 402-9494.

Ongoing Events

MARION COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY: meets 7 p.m. on the first Monday of each month at the Marion County Democratic Headquarters 601-605 SW 1st Ave., Ocala. One block south of the Post Office. For further information, please contact the Marion County Democratic Headquarters at (352) 402-9494.

THE MARION COUNTY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF BETHUNE-COOKMAN UNIVERSITY CHAPTER: meetings are held every 2nd Tuesday at the Howard Academy Resource Center at 6PM. For more information contact Felita Kingcade, Chapter President at (352) 653-7696 or by email at msbcu@hotmail.com.

THE LADIES DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF MARION COUNTY: Meets every second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. The

meetings are held at the Democratic Executive Offices at 601 S. W. 1st Ave. Ocala, FL 34471. Contact numbers are: Club President, Angela White - 352 229 0629. DEC Headquarters - 352 402 9494.

Reunions

BROWN May 22-24, 2015. Thomasville GA. Mary E. Williams, 218 NE 199 Terrace, Miami, FL 33179: 305-335-1714.

WILLIAMS Jul 10-12, 2015. West Palm Beach FL. All descendants of John Williams are invited to attend. Contact: Joycelyn Jenkins Thomas, 535 Clearlake Avenue West Palm Beach, FL 33401: 561-833-6224.

FESSENDEN SCHOOL ALUMNI REUNION July 23-26, 2015. Ocala FL. Contact: Whitfield Jenkins, P.O. Box 2814, Ocala, FL 34478-2814: 352-351-0824.

WOODARD-HARRISON-HARDY Jul 23-27, 2015. Chicago IL. Maggie Peak, PO Box 60 Chicago, IL 60690-0060: 312-560-4106.

JAMES / ATKINSON & RELATED FAMILY REUNION June 10, 11 & 12, 2016. Kissimmee FL. Ashley Mervin: 229-289-7265.

**Please submit your Here's What's Happening Events. The deadline for submissions of ads, articles, or for the Community Calendar is the 15th of each month prior to the publication month. Events subject to change; contact individual organizations to confirm.*

A great man is he who has not lost the heart of a child.
—Mencius

HEALTH & INFORMATION

Five Great Birthday Gifts

THE ALZHEIMER COMMUNITY by Annie Kate Gaskins Laws Contributing Writer



Columbus discovered America in 1492 and I discovered a pretty girl when I discovered you.

Recently, these facts have been questioned. However, the fact that a Black man was right there on the voyage assisting Columbus was never questioned - ignored - maybe, hidden— maybe— but never questioned! **Happy Birthday America.**

We remember that **Dr. Ralph Bunche** was the first Black to win the Nobel Peace Prize and that **Sidney Poitier** was the first Black to win an Academy Award and that **Dr. Daniel Hale Williams** performed the first successful open heart surgery, but, how many of us remember that **Lewis Lattimore** drew the first patent drawings for the telephone and that **F.A. Hilyer** invented the first cash register or that **Garrett Morgan** invented the smoke inhaler and the traffic light. To my knowledge, these facts have not been questioned. This is my second gift to my readers.

The Bible is my first gift. This year I am introducing ... **And From The Bible...**

Wow! Think about it in 2015 vernacular-in 2015 terminology --cell phones, fire, extinguishers, smoke detectors, electricity, cash registers, traffic lights, computers, open heart surgery all involved Black men, Black history, and United States History.

We remember that Obama is the first Black president of the United States of America.

During the **Middle Stage** of the disease, **Alzheimer's** patients memory of distant history is still very accurate even though their most recent historical information begin to fade. For example, one of Mom's favorite remarks included the fact that her President was Black. However, the next hour or the next minute, she could not recall this familiar fact. When her primary physician asked, Who is the president of the United States? That's Alzheimer's!!

We understand that being on Alzheimer's is not a lack of intelligence --but a lack of memory— a loss of the ability to recall— a loss of memory— especially a loss of recent memory.

Mom's real life stories included colorful historical information about the Recession and living during the Roosevelt, Hoover, and Truman administrations. This was interesting news to me because my earliest recollection begins with the Eisenhower administration. I listened and learned.

My 3rd birthday gift is the poem Attitude. I understand that the author is unknown.

This is my tribute to readers everywhere and a special tribute for Alzheimer's care.

ATTITUDE

"The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me is more important than facts. It is more important to me than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do... It will make or break a company... a church... a home... We can not change the fact that people will act in a certain way... I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it.."

This poem ends with a version of the Serenity Prayer... We can not change the inevitable.

Serenity Prayer

"God, grant me the Serenity to accept the things I can not change, courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference."

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Local military graduates

Lackland AFB announces local graduate

The following airmen completed an eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio announces the following graduates of basic military training.

Air Force Airman **Kayla-Marie C. McAleese** graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

McAleese is the wife of John McAleese. She is also the daughter of Barbara and Kevin Turner of Summerfield, Fla., and granddaughter of Brenda and Paul Turner of Ocala, Fla.

The airman is a 2011 graduate of Lake Weir High School, Ocala, Fla.

Air Force Reserve Airman 1st Class **Bradley M. Motzer** graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

Motzer earned distinction as an honor graduate.

He is the son of Guy E. Motzer of Atlantis, Fla., and brother of Rachel S. Sprechman of Ocala, Fla. The airman graduated in 2003 from Nova High School, Davie, Fla., and he earned an associate degree in 2013 from Broward College, Davie, Fla.

Air Force Airman 1st Class **Sarah M. Burchfield** graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

Burchfield is the daughter of Gary and Patricia Burchfield of Bushnell, Fla.

She graduated in 2012 from Pasco High School, Dade City, Fla., and she earned an associate degree in 2014 from College of Central Florida, Ocala, Fla.

The following soldiers completed nine weeks of basic infantry training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier received Training included drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, core values and traditions. Additional training included development of basic combat skills and battlefield operations and tactics, and experiencing use of various weapons and weapons defenses available to the infantry crewman.

Fort Jackson announces the following graduates of basic infantry training. Army Pvt. **Destiny E. Holloman** has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

Holloman is the daughter of Charity E. Taylor of Ocala, Fla. She is a 2014 graduate of Westport High School, Ocala, Fla.

Fort Benning announces the following graduates of basic infantry training.

*Items on local soldiers and airmen come from the Joint Hometown News Services (JHNS) Defense Media Activity in Fort Meade, Maryland.

African-American read-in

Marion County Public Library System will have an African-American read-in at 2 p.m. in the Headquarters-Ocala Public Library, 2720 E. Silver Springs Boulevard. For more information call 352-671-8551. Come one, Come all! [\[See Display Ad On Page 33\]](#) ■

Shop Talk Breast Cancer Awareness

Shop Talk Breast Cancer Awareness will be held on Monday, Jan. 26, 2015 at the Ewers Century Center College of Central Florida, 3001 S.W. College Road, Topic: Survivorship Defined. Guest speaker will be Renee Genter, AOCNP, ANP-BC of Ocala Health. Registration and Networking 6 p.m. Dinner and Program 6:30-8 p.m. Seating is limited. Please call 352-873-5881 by Monday, Jan. 19, 2015 to reserve your seat. The program is sponsored by the College of Central Florida, the Ocala Health, and the Ocala Royal Dames for Cancer Research, Inc. ■

A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual doom.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

OPENING OF THE ST. GEORGE

Ocala's Elegant New Hotel for Prosperous Colored People Formally Opened Thursday

The Hotel St. George was formally opened Thursday. There was a public reception from 1:30 to 6 p. m.

A number took advantage of the occasion and gave the handsome new building an inspection.

The ground floor is devoted to a number of business concerns, the café and barber shop alone being run in connection with the hotel.

The barber shop is fixed up almost as handsomely as any in the city, and the equipment and furnishings of the café are in every way creditable.

The office, parlor and sleeping apartments occupy the second floor. There are twenty-one sleeping rooms. They are all newly furnished, and look spic and span. The higher priced rooms have brass bedsteads, dressers, rockers, etc., and look most inviting. There are rooms en suite, and public and private baths.

The hotel and its equipment throughout is a long step upward, and marks an era in the progress of the colored race in Ocala.

Thursday night there was a grand opening banquet, at which many of the most prominent and prosperous of our colored citizens attended.

The chief speaker was Prof. **Joseph L. Wylie**, the popular teacher of Fessenden Academy.

He is one of the most eloquent, finished and interesting speakers of his race in Florida, and his



(Photo/Alonzo Hardy) The former Hotel St. George as it looks today in downtown Ocala. The structure was built in 1914. Matilda Williams was proprietress of the St. George Hotel on South Magnolia Avenue.

speech last night was a notable one.

He was responded to by President **George Giles** of the Metropolitan Bank, and the principal stockholder of the Hotel St. George.

There were other speakers, and it proved the happiest occasion of the kind for the colored people that was ever given in this city, where the colored population is prospering so finely.

Those present at the banquet enjoyed the following menu:

Dry Martini, Olives, Pickles, Crab Meat Cocktail, Puree of Tomatoes, Celery, Baked Red Snapper, a la Creole, Frozen Punch, Roast Young Turkey, Cranberry Sauce, Fried Spring Chicken, Maryland, Waldorf Salad, Candied Yams, Mashed Potatoes,

Asparagus on Toast, Steam Rice, Green Peas, Sugar Corn, Ice Cream Surprise, Assorted Cakes, Green Apple Pie, Nuts, Cheese, Raisins, Coffee, Price 75¢ each.

Music while the banquet was in progress a band discoursed music from the upper veranda. ■

[Source: Submitted by: Kent Sperring. The Ocala Banner. (Ocala, Marion County, Fla.) October 16, 1914]

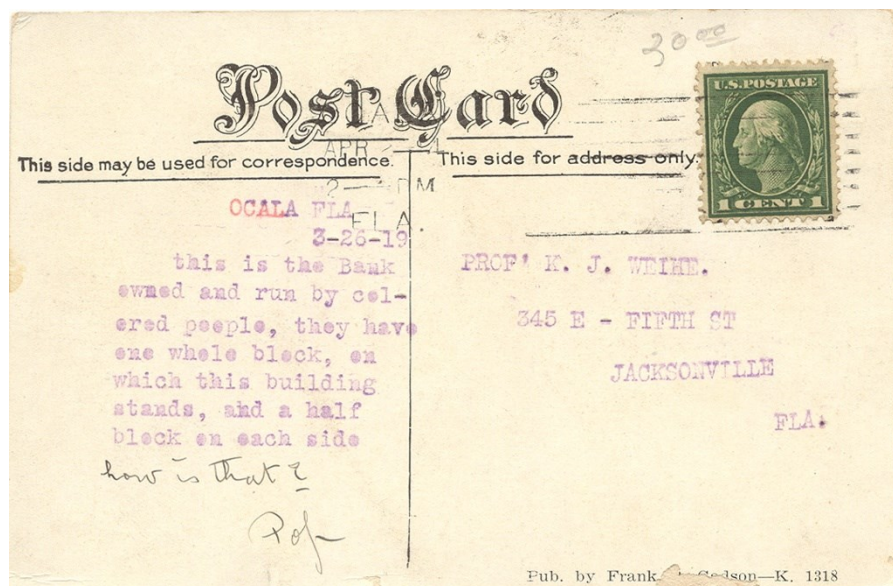
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Faces from the past



COURTESY OF WAYNE NIELSEN

This postcard scene from 1913 shows the former Metropolitan Bank at the corner of Magnolia and South Second streets. The site is now a parking lot. The card is from the collection of Wayne Nielsen of Ocala, Fla.



It was mailed with a 1¢ George Washington stamp from Ocala, Florida, at 2 p.m. on April 4, 1919. The recipient was Prof. K. J. Weihe of Jacksonville Fla.

And here's the note, sent by an unknown person:

OCALA FLA 3-29-19

This is the Bank owned and run by colored people, they have one whole block, on which this building stands, and a half block on each side.

FAITH

“Crucifying Christ Anew”

THE AFRICAN HERITAGE PULPIT by Daniel Banks

For me, the most poignant aspect of the recent police protests in New York was when I saw two white men marching with a banner that read, “Black Lives Matter”! When interracial crowds shut down a major interstate highway, in Los Angeles; by lying down on the freeway as if they were dead, I was brought to tears. Multi-racial crowds all over the country have marched and protested for weeks against the repeated failure of several juries/grand juries to convict/indict police brutality and/or law enforcement “wannabees” from Sanford, Florida to Ferguson, Missouri to New York City despite a coroner’s declaration that a homicide had been committed in the latter case.

In my opinion, whatever Trayvon Martin, Mike Brown or Eric Garner (and others) are alleged to have done prior to their untimely deaths, it did not give an individual or a group of individuals the right to designate themselves judge, jury and executioner(s) of these black men. Their actions



were not worthy of death!

In the spirit of black liberation theology, I am reminded of another Man (Whom some scholars believe was black), who was unjustly accused, tried in a mockery of a court system, and also subjected to public execution. His name is Jesus!

He died that we, through Him, might live!

Today, as a result of all the killings in the news (in the name of the law), new “Christ-types” emerge. For Jesus Christ was also killed in the name of the law! All of the lamenting black mothers we see in the media emerge as present day “Mary-types,” mourning the deaths of the contemporary “Christ” figures!

When I think about how awfully Jesus Christ is to me, I wholeheartedly agree with the Caucasian, banner carrying protestors I saw in Manhattan. “Black Lives

Matter” most assuredly!

There’s also a danger in taking the law into one’s own hands and killing those that you think deserve to die. Judas, the man who betrayed Jesus, later hanged himself. The devil gets us out on a limb, then he cuts it out from underneath us! He cares nothing for us.

For reference, please see Hebrews 6:4 - 6. Christ was crucified once but we kill Him over and over again through our actions, especially when we ought to know better. God help us modify our actions. ■

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Rev. Clark plans a weekly radio show

The Rev. Foster Clark, President of Expectant Faith World Ministries, Inc., international speaker and author, will begin a weekly program Wednesday Jan. 14 on the internet radio station American Patriot Radio (APR): www.americanpatrioradio.com “Life Empowering Words - Faith For The Week.”

The program will air each Wednesday at 11 a.m. on APR. The program will focus on motivating people to pray, believe, and act upon the word of God with the power of the Spirit of God in them.

Through an “800” telephone number, listeners can participate in these discussions. ■

FAITH

“Staying Focus”

Matthew 6:33; Philippians 4:8

Dr. James R. Williams
Unite Contributing Writer

Greetings my brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus.

Focusing is a lost skill, a casualty of the 21st century. Don't forget listening and paying attention falls in the same category, can I get an Amen? People bury themselves in the popular iPhone, distracted devices, completely withdrawn from a social status. Instead of being observant, alert, and taking control of the aspects of daily life, they are controlled by their uncontrolled lust to be distracted.

Let us define focus and distraction.

1. Focus- A center of interest or activity—To concentrate: direct; to converge at a point of focus.

2. Distract- To cause to turn away from a focus of attention.

My brothers and sisters; we are born with an innate ability to focus, or be distracted. Different colors, objects, smells, and sounds, can attract or distract us. As we grow, we should be able to differentiate between positive and negative situations in our daily lives.

The bible says this; “But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.” Matt. 6:33

1. “Let your eyes look directly forward, and your gaze be straight before you.” Prov. 4:25



2. “Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.” Colossians 3:2

3. “I can do all things through him who strengthens me.” Philippians 4:13

4. “Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, a bounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.” Colossians 2:6-8

5. “So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation—if indeed tasted that the Lord is good. As you come to

him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.” 1 Peter 2: 1-25

My brothers and sisters; these scriptures will help you stay focused on your journey, goals, and spiritual path.

You know Satan, that roaring lion, seeks whom he may devour, so stay aware and focused.

Satan (adversary) is the name given to the devil, the adversary of goodness and the author of evil. He is also called “The prince of this world.” The wicked one,” “The tempter,” “The serpent,” etc.

Non-believers, and believers alike are tempted by the “tempter,” the devil. More so are the believers, because the unbelievers are already under the influence of the devil (Satan). They are in agony because of the lack of spiritual knowledge.

“Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.”

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Zuber

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trample on a lot of people before they got to me!

On my way back to Paris, I met nine young Americans who convinced me to get off the Paris bound train and go with them to Rome; saying that the opera "Aida" was going to be performed on the stage of the old coliseum amphitheater. There was no way I was going to miss that but since we had a couple of days to spare, I enticed the group to get off the train on the French Riviera because I had never been to a casino and wanted to try my luck at Monte Carlo. Bad choice – didn't win a thing.

When we got to Rome, I took charge of the group and using, my traveling bible, I was able to find a pension where we could all stay together for the affordable price of \$1.50 per night, which included breakfast. The opera was fantastic and I went to see it every night I was in Rome and everyday was spent in the Sistine Chapel and walking on the Appian Way and touring the catacombs.

My next stop would be Zurich but I needed to return to Paris to collect my mail at the American Express office. That is when I ran into James Baldwin. I had a copy of *Another Country* with me and he was delighted to see I was reading his book. He was giving an international party in Marrakesh and asked if I wanted to come. Definitely not. I was still just up from Zuber and certainly not ready to hang with the big boys.

I had many adventures in Europe and visited 13 countries and shared accommodations with 35

people I never saw before and never saw again. (When your money is tight, you cannot be but so choosy and you pay only half when you shared a room.)

I must tell you about this one adventure: The U.S. Dept. of State warmed all of us that were traveling in Europe that if we must go to Berlin, we should definitely not take the train because that city was an enclave inside of Communist East Germany. I had a Eurailpass so why should I have to spend all that money to fly into Berlin. When I went to make my reservation, the ticket agent asked if I had a visa to visit East Germany. I explained that I was not visiting in East Germany, just passing through. He said that I would still need a transit visa. I told him that his job was to make my reservation and not worry about my visa situation. He quietly made the reservation but not without adding "its your funeral", and it nearly came to pass. I was in my compartment with the door locked when an abrupt stopping of the train awakened me. It was past mid-night and it was storming outside. Then, I heard thunderous banging on the door. I opened it and there stood a gladiator type woman with a machine gun pointing at me and asking to see my visa. Behind her were three men – all with drawn luges. I gave her my passport and pretended that I had no idea what she meant. I decided to use the race card. I told them that they were persecuting me because I was Black. They went into a huddle and decided to sell me a transit visa on the train. That postponed the problem but did not solve it. (You will have to wait for the next installment. For all our meekness, people from Zuber can be awfully hardheaded and stubborn! You shall see.) ■

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UNESCO-TST & Jggcdc Heritage Tour: Gullah Geechee Corridor

(Thursday—Sunday) May 28 - 31, 2015 The UNESCO-TST and Jacksonville Gullah Geechee Community Development Corporation, Inc. (JGGCDC) are collaborating to bring a "Cultural exposure and perspective to the study of American and world history. This is an enlightened tour "an interpretation framework to raise awareness, understanding and appreciation for the history of Gullah Geechee people, their contributions to the development of the United States and connection to the African diaspora and other international cultures." The Gullah Geechee cultural corridor, highway 17, is designed to appeal to all cultures, from diverse communities. Your payment includes three nights at the Wyndham Hotel, double occupancy, hot breakfast, 1 group lunch & dinner, motor coach, ferry boat ride, tour guides, admissions and handouts. You will need funds for breakfast, lunches and dinners as we travel. Wear comfortable clothes, bring an African outfit, a smile, sun glasses, hat and camera. Email: Rosewood1923@displaysforschools.com or xtaltruth@gmail.com, call (904) 444-1829, (352) 281-2286, 1-800-250-4645 or (904) 365-1061. An Educational Adventure-Customs, Cuisines, Music, Art Travel the Gullah Geechee, Corridor - highway 17 Visit: a Plantation, Museum, Beach, Cemetery, Military area Georgetown, SC; Conway, SC; Jacksonville, NC; Montford Point, NC; Wilmington, NC; New Bern, NC. Package includes: Double occupancy breakfast, Wyndham Hotel, heritage tour guides, learning packets, a

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This is one of my treasured gifts which honors our God— first and foremost.

Hello, my name is Anne— Anne Laws. When I grow up I want to write like Anne Landers. I want to write like Maya Angelou. Anne Landers says "When courage is needed ask yourself, "if not me, who? If not now, when"? Let's expose Alzheimer's abuse.

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Limited complimentary copies of my second book —Exposing Alzheimer's is available to local churches. Of course, the Bible is my 1st and last gift. (#5)

And From the Bible...

If you require more courage for this task-- phone Joshua-- chapter 1 For reassurance-- phone Psalms 145:18: The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth.

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Annie Kate Gaskins Laws birthday is February 13th - a very lucky day. Copies of the complete poem, Attitude is available from the author. Most churches in your area will have similar biblical phone numbers, or you may contact the author at annieg-laws@bellsouth.net.

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Focus From Page 25

"It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God." Rom. 8:5-8

My brothers and sisters; There are predators out in the world, seeking, scheming, and plotting to take advantage of anyone, whether they are saved or unsaved, it doesn't matter. But it is up to them whose steps are ordered by the Lord.

Even the secular group The O'Jays, says "Don't Let Money Fool You" The Supremes says "Stop In The Name of Love." So on, and so on!

These songs appeal to the world, but also admonish to the world; (natural man).

My brothers and sisters; staying focus is hard, even if you're spiritual. Even the Apostle Paul says "For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit, what is contrary to the sinful nature.

"They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit you are now under law." (Gal. 5:17-18)

Satan's number one target is your faith! Jesus said to Peter, "Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. But I have

prayed for you, that your faith should not fail." (LK. 22:31-32 NKJV)

Satan wants to separate you from your faith, the same way the lions, cheetahs, wild dogs, separates the young calves from its mother of from the herd.

So stay focus, stay alert, looking toward Jesus Christ, who is the author and finisher of our faith.

Amen, Amen, Amen!

"To God Be the Glory!" ■

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Participants sought for Marion County UF/IFAS diabetes discussion groups

MARION COUNTY, Fla. - Marion County Extension Service is partnering with University of Florida faculty to conduct focus groups with teenagers about the need for a program that helps teens live well with type 2 diabetes. Participants will meet in small groups at Marion County UF/IFAS Extension Service (2232 NE Jacksonville Road, Ocala) to talk about ideas and directions for development of a diabetes self-management education program for teens. Trained professionals will lead the discussion.

Interested teenagers and their parents are invited and encouraged to contact: Nancy Gal at 352-671-8400 or nan-cy.gal@marioncountyfl.org, or Agata Kowalewska at 352-273-3473 or agatak@ufl.edu.

For information on all other nutrition programs offered by Marion County UF/IFAS Extension Service, contact Nancy Gal at 352-671-8400 or nancy.gal@marioncountyfl.org

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City Staff Member Receives Local Award



Diane Leaf (R) receives the Person of the Year Award from Steve Claytor President of the Ocala Business Leaders (L)

OCALA, Fla. - Receiving the "Person of the Year" award is one way to start off the New year, and that is just what Diane Leaf did.

Leaf, the city of Ocala's Recreation and Parks Program Supervisor, was named Person of the Year by Steve Claytor, President of the Ocala Business Leaders on Thursday, Jan. 8.

To qualify for the Business Person of the Year award, Ocala Business Leaders look for an individual that gives back and strives for excellence for the entire community.

The Ocala Business Leaders' general membership votes for the Business Person of the Year award. "Diane has gone above and beyond in her commitment to the Ocala Business Leaders organization and her community," said Jean Henning, who serves

as the Ocala Business Leader's secretary.

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February 2015 at The Appleton Museum of Art

OCALA, Fla. — The Appleton Museum of Art, College of Central Florida, has an exciting schedule lined up for February.

Sunday, Feb. 1, at 2 p.m. the

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A Directory of local and regional health resources

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Everyday, including holidays.
1-800-590-AIDS (2437)
Local office: 417-881-1900

Alzheimer's Disease

1-800-272-3900

American Stroke Association

Learn more about strokes by
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Cancer Alliance of Marion County

www.crushcancermc.org
352-690-3764

Diabetes Hotline

1-800-342-2383
Diabetes and Support group
Munroe Regional Medical Center
352-867-8181

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Medicare Information

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Citrus 352-766-7155

National Parkinson Foundation

Education, announcements, links
To related sites
1-800-327-4545

Sickle Cell Disease Association

1-800-421-8453

Taking Precautions when Disposing of Medications

By Michael Sever, RPh
Pharmacy Manager, Hospice of
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Unite Contributing Writer

Too often old or unused medications get into the wrong hands... or paws. Children and pets fall victim to colorful or enticing looking pills. And we all know our pets will eat anything. Precautions mean more than "child-proof" caps. Many are left unattended and even well-meaning folks think flushing it down the toilet takes care of the problem. Not true! Flushed medications contaminate the water system, harming the environment.

This past October, officials at the federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) took stronger measures to inform the public about proper disposal of medications. The agency released updated rules to "develop a variety of methods for collecting and destroying pharmaceutical controlled substances in a secure, convenient, and responsible manner." What this really means is that the DEA does not want prescription drugs to be flushed into the water supply or, worse, diverted for illegal use.

In case you're not up on the latest regulations, here it is in a nutshell: the DEA is now encouraging **take-back events, mail-back programs** and **collection sites** for the disposal of unwanted medications.

For those with family members



Michael Sever, RPh

who have recently passed away, the **DEA Disposal Act** allows a member of the person's household to dispose of the leftover prescription medication under certain restrictions. It is especially easy for those whose loved ones were receiving hospice care. The hospice nurse is the key person to help families with this task, relieving them of having to monitor where and how medications are disposed of in a safe and legal manner. The hospice nurse can give directions on how and where to dispose of medications that are no longer needed.

For information on take-back events, contact the Marion County Sheriff's Office, which participates with the DEA in an annual 'Take Back Day' each year, which is usually held in the month of September. But that's a whole nine months away, so don't hesitate to call the sheriff's

office for advice.

Those seeking to dispose of medication can also find authorized collection sites by calling the DEA Center at 1-800-882-9539 or visit WWW.DEA.GOV for take-back site locations. Disposition of potentially dangerous drugs is everyone's business, so take it seriously for a safe and healthy 2015. ■

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The Marion County NAACP Branch holds it's monthly mass meetings every 2nd Sunday, Baptist Theological Seminary, 1205 NW Fourth Street at 6:45 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

The public is welcome to attend and become involved in the future of Ocala and Marion County.

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■ Business

George H. Mays, Dr. T. P. Lloyd, J. W. Alexander and A. L. Lewis became the first known to start an investment company, March, 1894.

The Metropolitan Savings Bank became the first black-owned bank in 1913.

■ Religion

Mount Zion became the first known AME church in 1866.

Mount Moriah became the first known Baptist church in Ocala in 1867. They migrated from First Baptist Church.

New Zion became the first known Methodist Church in 1870.

■ Military

Jeffrey Askew became the first veterans affairs officer.

Museum From Page 29

Educational Art Film Series presents "Roman City." The film series is free for museum members and is included in the cost of admission for nonmembers.

Thursday, Feb. 5, join "Drawing in the Gallery," a monthly workshop for adults that provides an up-close look at the Appleton's collection. Participants must bring pencils and sketchbooks; stools will be provided.

Saturday, Feb. 7, children ages 4 and up are invited to create a valentine during the monthly First

Saturday event. First Saturday is free to all children and included with the cost of admission for adult nonmembers. For more information, contact Mary Moore, moorem@cf.edu or 352-291-4455, ext. 1613.

Also Feb. 7, is the opening of "A Treasury of Indian Miniature Painting," an exhibition from the collection of the Museum of the Arts & Sciences in Daytona Beach. Works from the Appleton collection will combine with those of this neighboring institution to bring to light fascinating stories of Rajas, princes, demons and superheroes. The exhibition will be on view through March 29. Join the Trips 'N' Tours group Thursday, Feb. 19, to Tampa Bay Downs in pursuit of museum namesake Arthur Appleton's other passion, Thoroughbred horses. Call 352-291-4455, ext. 4456, to reserve your seat; tickets are \$70 for members and \$80 for nonmembers and lunch is included.

Thursday, Feb. 26, the museum will host a themed tour, "Mayan Art and Culture," from 2-3 p.m. Take an in-depth, docent-led tour of the Mayan art and artifacts in the Appleton's permanent collection. Entry is free for members and included in the cost of admission for nonmembers. RSVP to Lara Sundberg at sundberl@cf.edu or 352-291-4455, ext. 1836. ■

Center Plans Film Series

CF Hampton Center has announced plans for the annual Spring Film Series. On Feb. 20 the film, "42," will be shown at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. at the CF Hampton Center, 1501 W. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala.

"42"

Friday, Feb. 20, 2014, 1 & 6 p.m.

The film "42" tells the story of Jackie Robinson's signing with the Brooklyn Dodgers to become the first African-American player to break the baseball color barrier. In doing so, he challenged racist assumptions and the logic for segregation. The 2013 film was directed by Brian Helgeland and stars Chadwick Boseman, T.R. Knight and Harrison Ford. It is 128 minutes and is rated PG-13.

"Stand and Deliver"

Friday, April 24, 2014, 6 p.m.

"Stand and Deliver" is based on the story of Jamie Escalante, a high school teacher who uses unconventional teaching methods and inspires students in his calculus class to pass the Advanced Placement exams. The 1988 film was directed by Ramon Menendez and stars Edward James Olmos. The film is 103 minutes and is rated PG. It was nominated for the Oscar and Golden Globe awards.

The public is welcome. Admission is free. **Call now to reserve your seat, 352-873-5881** or visit www.Cf.edu/hampton. ■

A great man is he who has not lost the heart of a child.
—Mencius

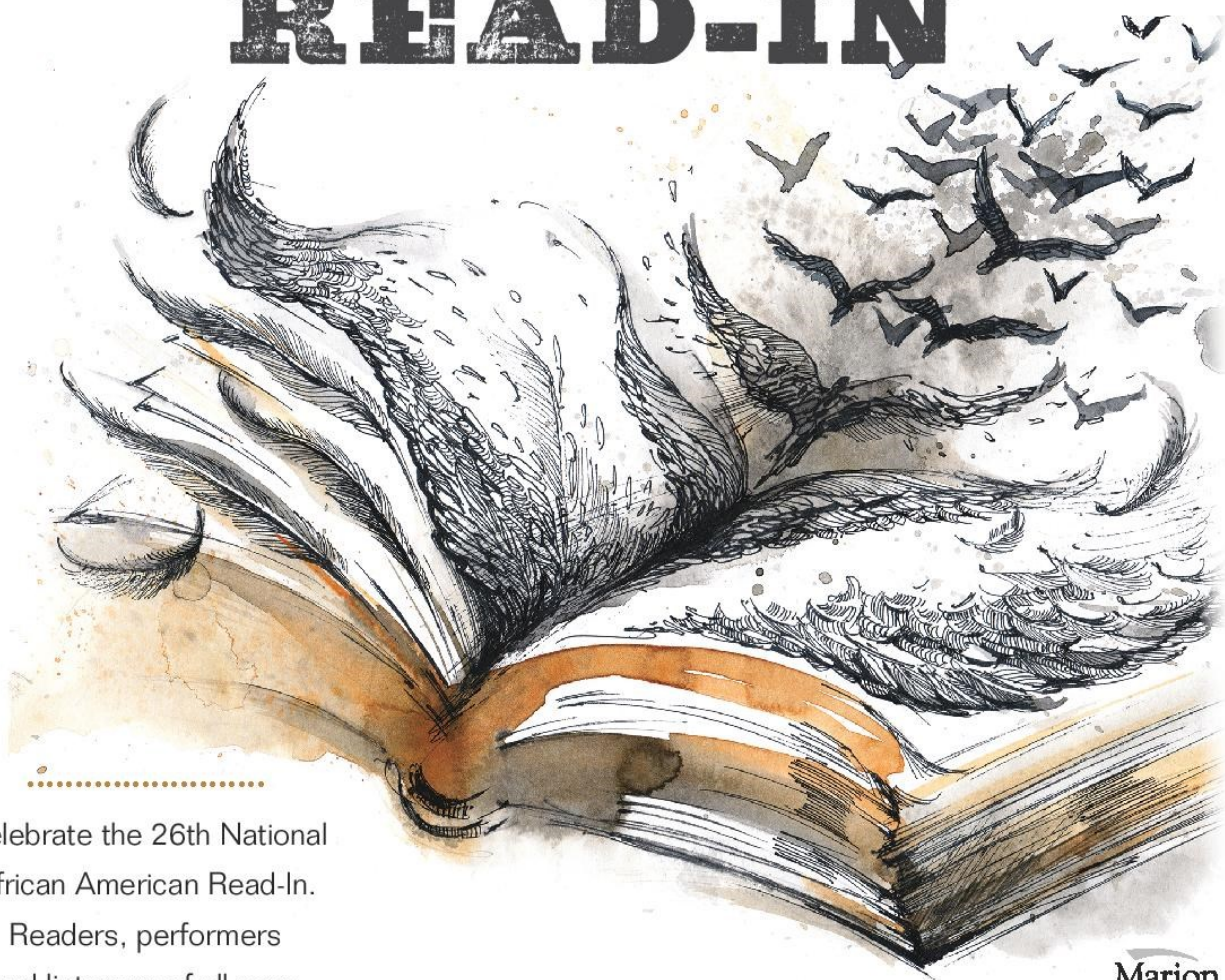
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